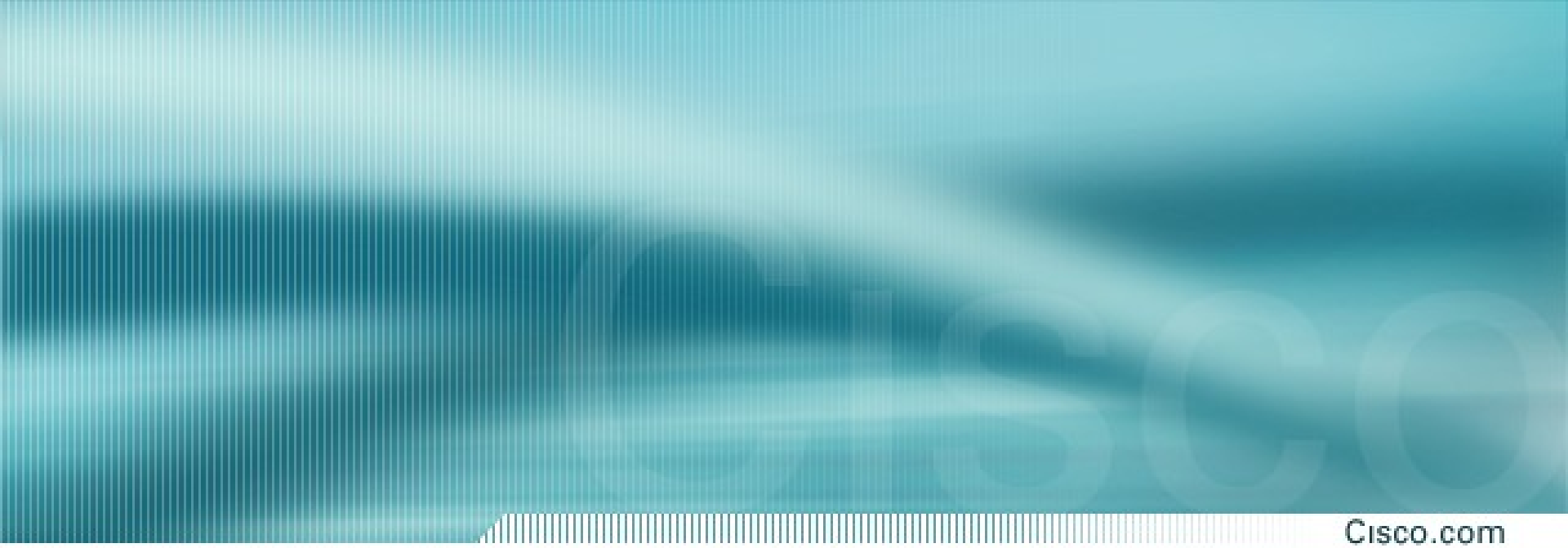

Wireless LAN Security

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Agenda

- 802.11 Standards
- WLAN Security Solutions
- WLAN Design Concepts
- Conclusion

WLAN – Changing how we Work, Live Play and, Learn

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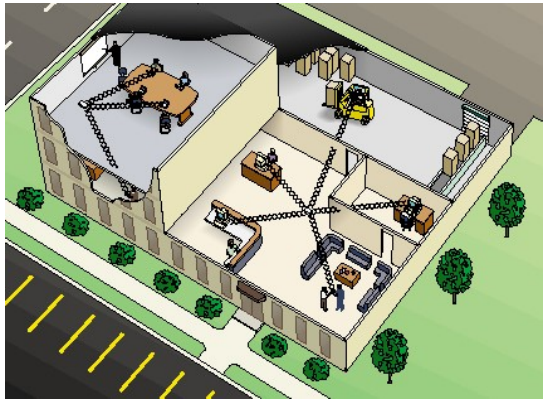
In-Building Wireless LANs



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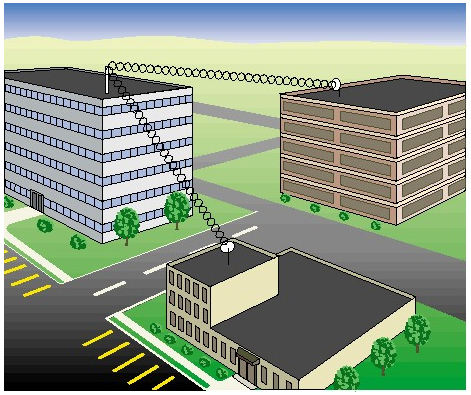

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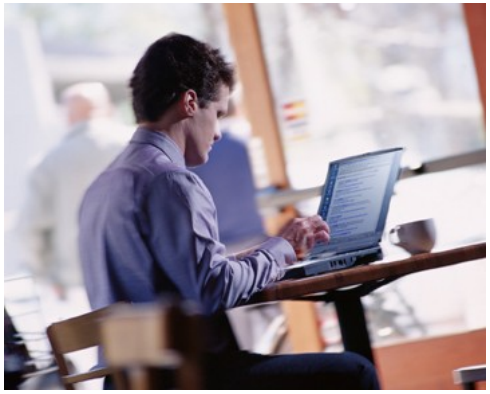


Home Networking

Comparing 802.11 Standards

- **802.11b**

2.4Ghz

11Mb (auto stepdown)

Available today

WiFi Interoperability

Security – WEP, WPA 802.11i (Q12004)

- **Cisco Aironet 340/350/1100/1200**

Aironet 340/350

- **802.11a**

5 Ghz

54Mb (auto stepdown)

Available today

WiFi Interoperability

Security – WEP, WPA 802.11i (Q1 2004)

- **Cis**

Aironet 1200

- **802.11g**

2.4Ghz

54 Mb (auto stepdown)

Ratified June 2003

Compatible w/802.11b

Security – WEP, WPA 802.11i (Q1 2004)

Cisco Products – Q4CY03

Cisco Aironet 1200, 1100

Aironet 1100

WLAN Security Overview & Directions

- Network Security
- WLAN Security Issues
- WLAN Security Components
- IPSec WLANs

WLAN Security is not an End Point
It's a Journey!

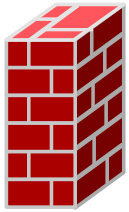
- There are solutions to today's threats
- There will be threats to today's solutions
- Many security issues can be resolved by awareness, good implementation & good design

Key Components of a Secure Network
Wired or Wireless

Secure Connectivity

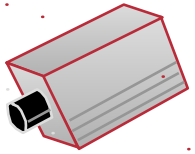
VPN
Tunneling
Encryption

Perimeter Security



ACLs
Firewalls

Security Monitoring



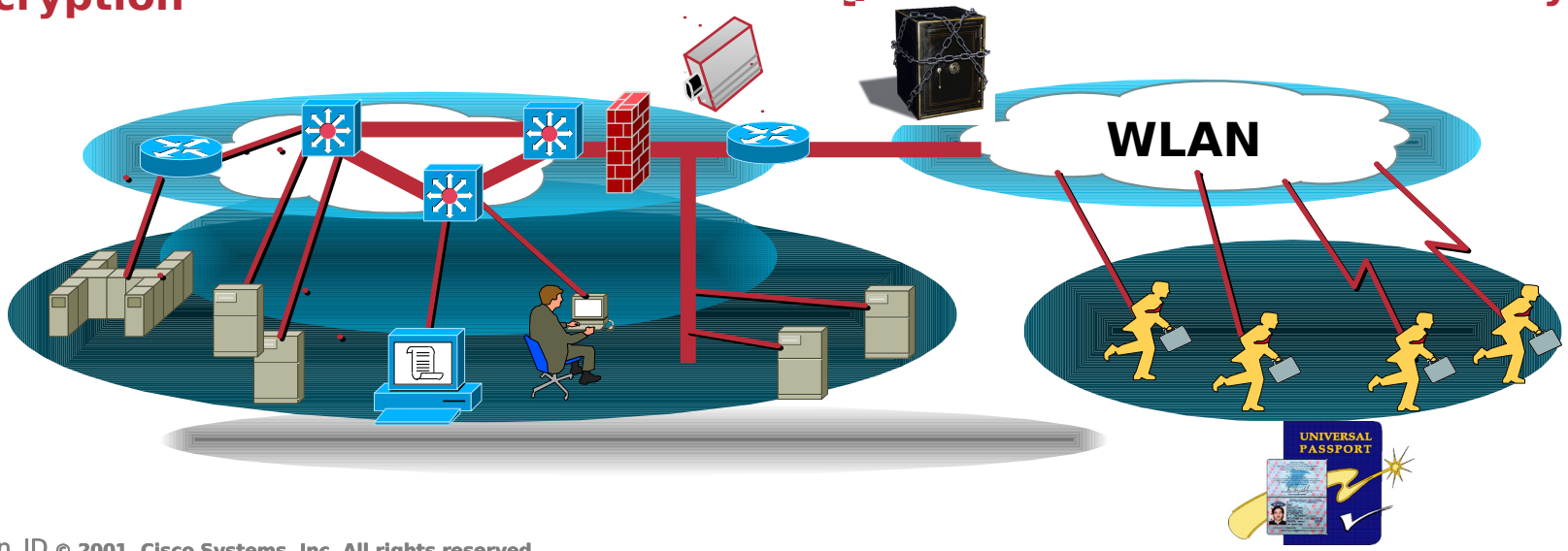
Intrusion
Detection
Scanning

Identity

Authentication
Digital
Certificates

Security Management

Policy Mgmt
Device Mgmt
Directory Svcs

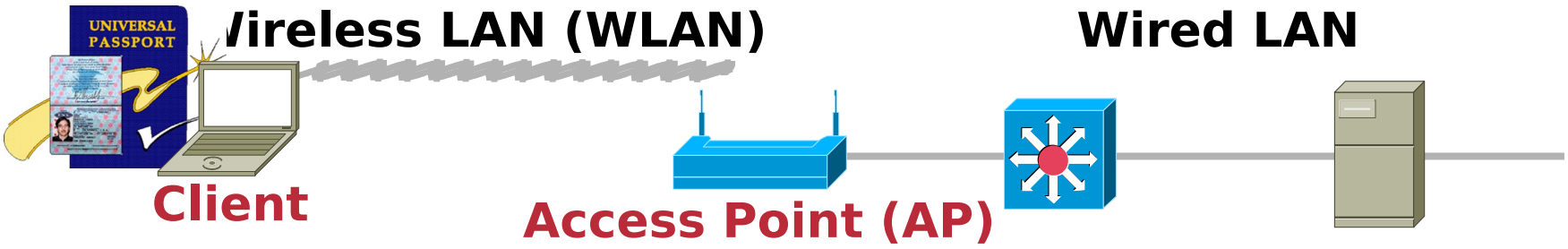


802.11 WLAN Security Issues

- **Authentication**
- **Data Privacy**

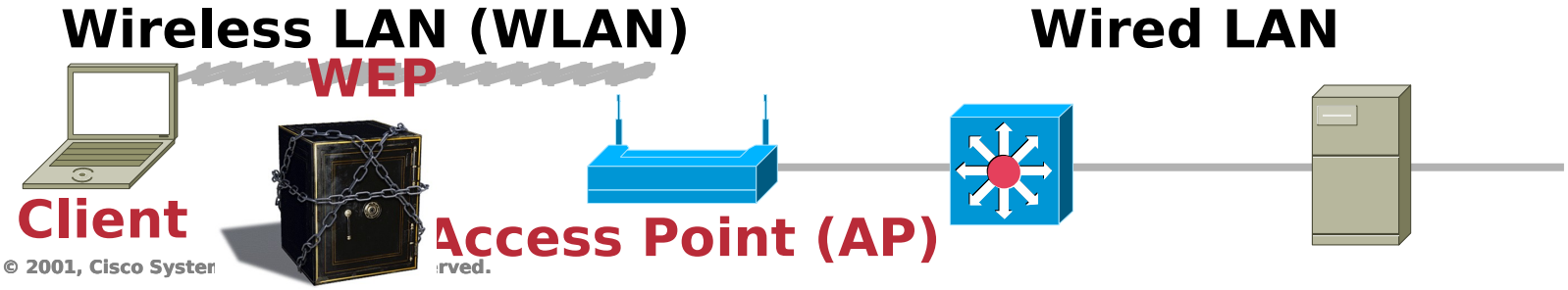
IEEE 802.11 Security – Authentication (Pre WPA)

- **Open – No Authentication**
  - **Issue – Anyone can be authenticated**
- **Shared – Use WEP Key to encrypt AP Challenge**
  - **Issue – Easy to determine WEP Key**
- **Assumed Authentication Methods - SSID, MAC Address**
  - **Issue – SSID – Association, never intended for security**
  - **Issue – MAC – Sent in clear, very easily spoofed**
- **Published Papers – University of Maryland, April 2001**



IEEE 802.11 Security – Data Privacy (Pre WPA)

- **Wired Equivalency Privacy**
  - Based on RC4 Algorithm (good algorithm)
  - Weak Implementation (Weak IV, IV sent in clear, common WEP key
- **Issues (Based on WEP implementation)**
  - Weak IV – FMS Paper, July 2001
  - Key Derivation via monitoring - AirSnort
  - Key Derivation via bit flipping – UC Berkley, Feb. 2001
  - IV & WEP Key Replay Attack - DoS, knowing IV & WEP
  - No Key Management – Lends to invasion
  - WiFi Interoperability Certification – 40 bit only



WLAN Security Components (WPA & 802.11i)

- Authentication Framework (802.1X)
- Authentication Algorithm (EAP)
- Data Encryption Algorithm (TKIP, AES)

WLAN Security Standards

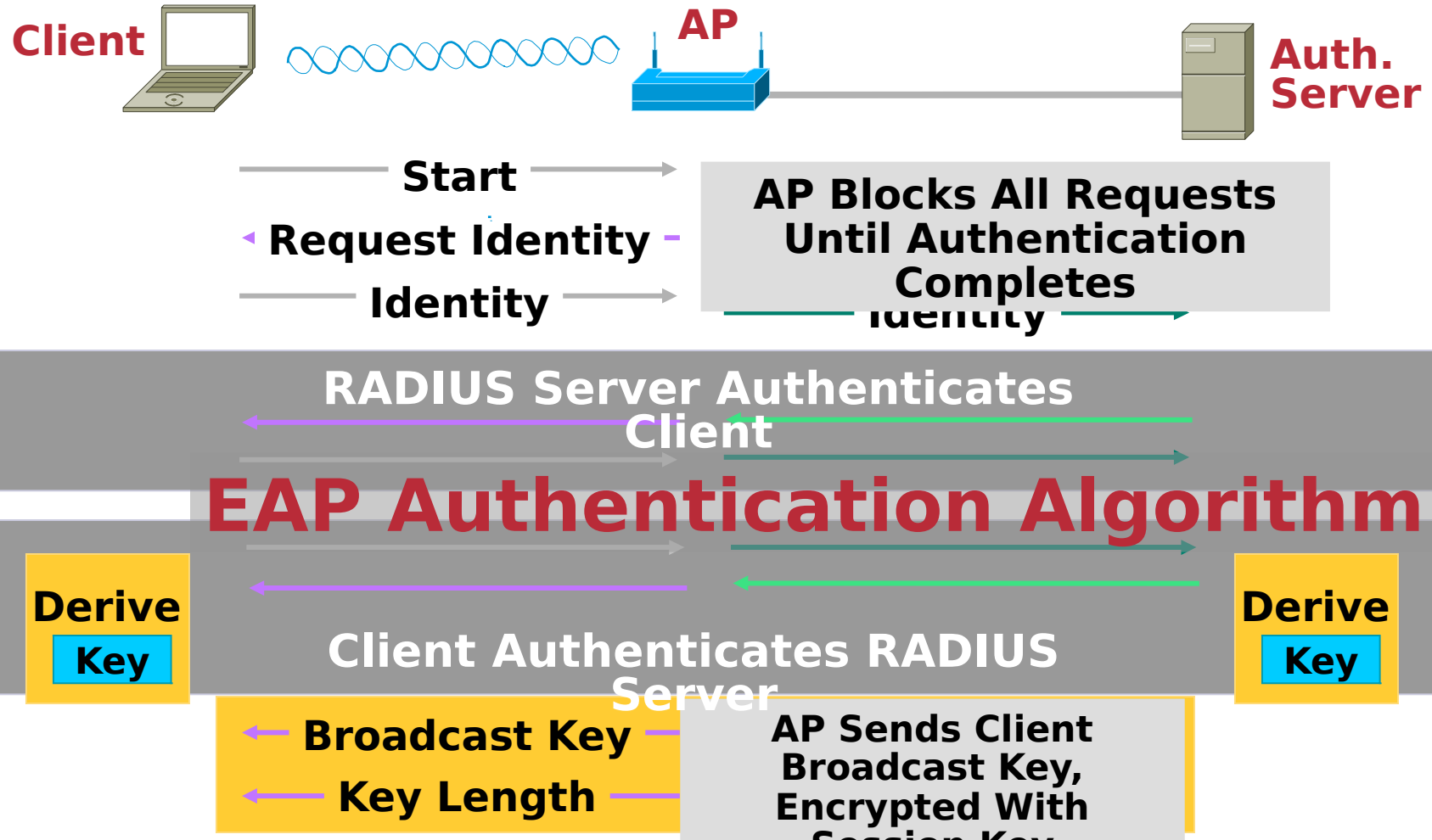
- **IEEE 802.11 TGi - Proposed Standard 802.11i**
  - **IEEE Task Group focused on WLAN Security Improvement**
  - **Enhancement Proposed - 802.1X, EAP, TKIP, MIC, AES**
  - **Expected Ratification – Q4CY03**
  - **http://www.ieee.org**
- **WECA – Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance**
  - **"Compatibility "Seal of Approval"**
  - **WiFi Interoperability "WiFi" – WLAN Interoperability CY2000**
  - **WiFi Protected Access (WPA) – 802.1X, EAP, TKIP, MIC**
  - **Accepted January 2003, Testing started February 2003**
  - **http://www.weca.net**
- **FIPS – Federal Information Processing Standard**
  - **Not specific for WLAN but does have implications for encrypting data sent over WLANs**
  - **Regulated by NIST**
  - **http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/index.html**
  - **http://www-08.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-48/NIST_SP_**

FIPS - Federal Information Processing Standards
Computer Security Resource Center - CSD

FIPS Certification & Standards Implementation

- **What FIPS 140-1/2 does:**
  - **Certification of Encryption Algorithm(s) & Modes**
    - **DES, 3DES, AES – only certain modes of these algorithms**
- **What FIPS 140-1/2 does not do:**
  - **Certification of implementation standards (ie IEEE or IETF)**
- **Therefore proprietary FIPS approved solutions exist**
  - **FIPS Certified IPSec and 802.11i (when ratified) solutions offer open standards based, government certified solutions**
  - **WPA probably will never be FIPS certified**

802.1X Authentication Process



WEP Key never sent over the wire, derived by end station & Authentication server

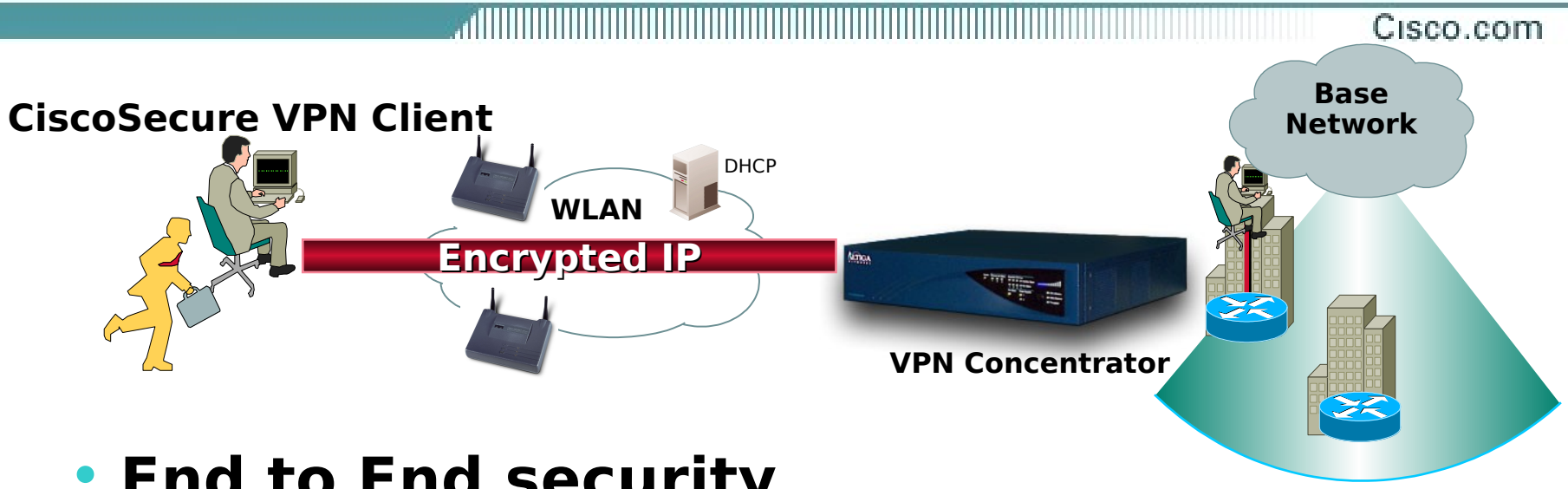
802.11i & WPA Encryption Algorithms

- **Static WEP – Not recommended**
  (especially for Enterprise Configurations)
- **Dynamic WEP - Hardened WEP Session Keys - WPA**
  Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP)
  - **Reduce IV attack, strengthen key integrity**

  Message Integrity Check (MIC)
  - **Prevent Replay attack, authenticity of frame**
- **Alternative to WEP-RC4 – 802.11i**
  Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
  - **As strong as 3DES, faster computation, FIPS 140-2 direction (NIST & IEEE)**
  - **Currently DES nor 3DES supported as a data privacy algorithm in any 802.11 direction**

IPSec WLAN

IPSec VPN



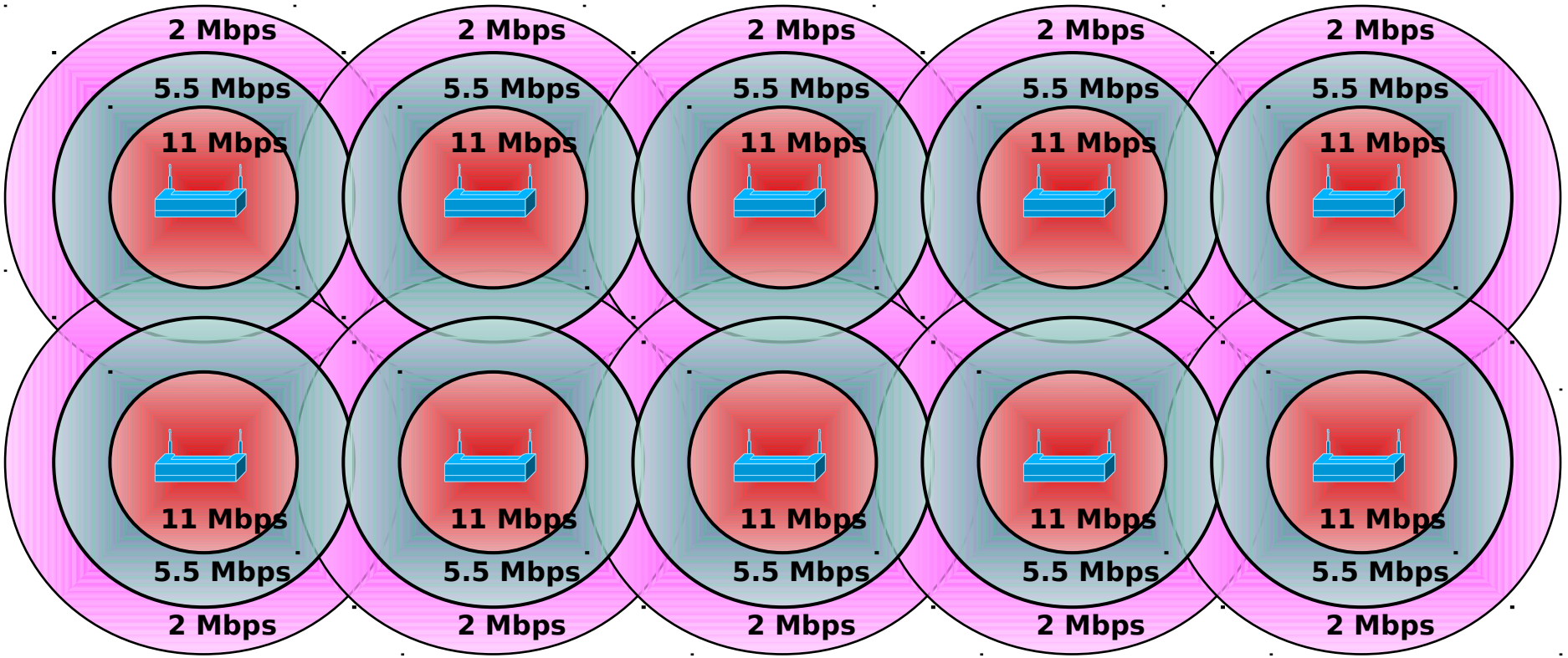
- **End to End security**
  - **IPSec VPN – Layer 3 – Client to Concentrator**
  - **Haul back to Central Point of Data Privacy**
  - **Stronger Data Encryption (3DES, AES) – today**
  - **Standards based – RFC 2401**
  - **Can be implemented on top of Layer 2 WLAN**
  - **Part of a Defense in Depth approach**

Additional benefits of IPSec VPNs

- **Can be used for wired & wireless**
  - **Remote Access (Cable)**
  - **Dial-In (RAS)**
  - **Traffic separation (Communities of Interests)**
- **Same software for wired & wireless**
  - **Usability, Support, Cost benefits**

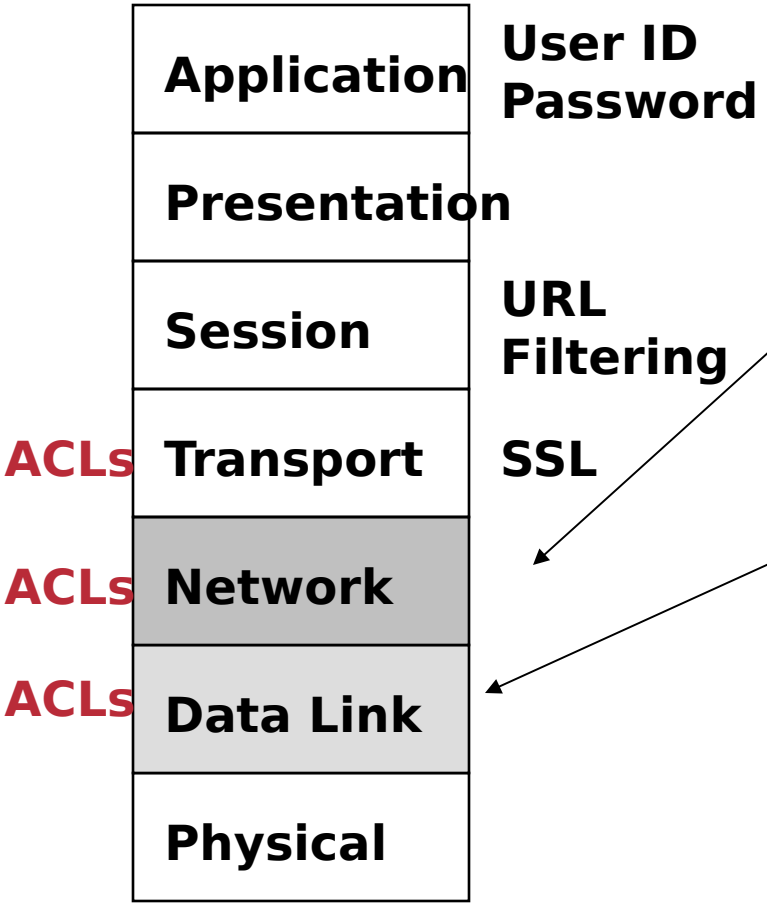
WLAN Design Concepts

Design Security
Reducing Bandwidth Coverage



- 11 Mbps connections only (or on edges of perimeter only)
- Can also reduce the radio power to reduce coverage area

OSI Layer & WLAN Security

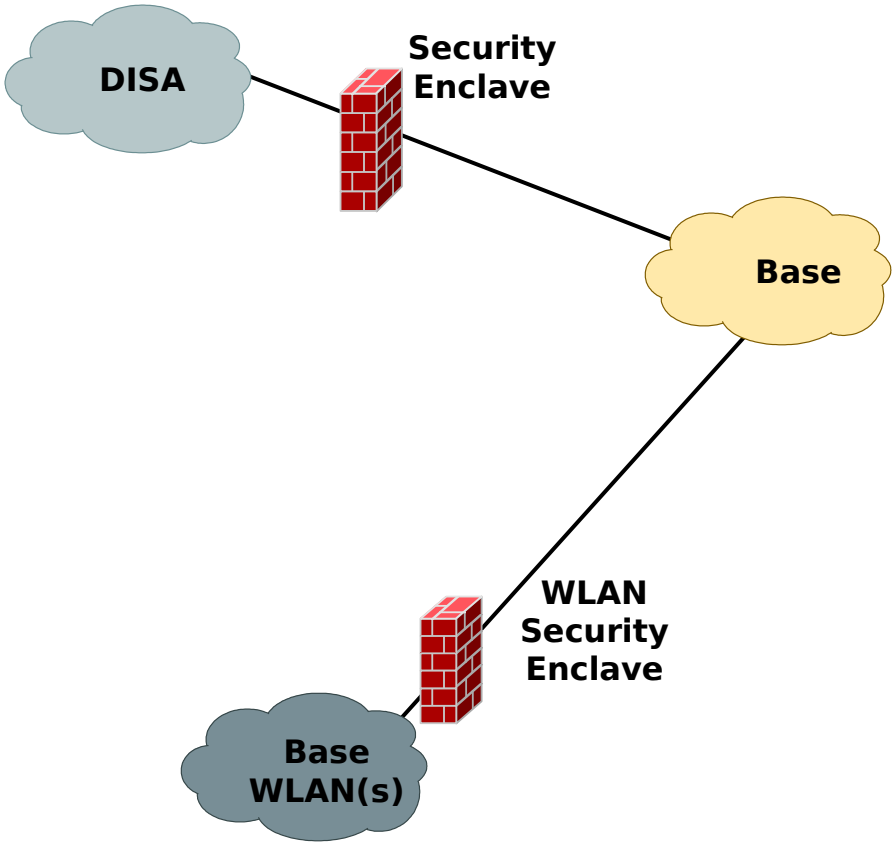


- **IPSec – Network Layer**
  - **IETF Standards (RFC 2401)**
  - **IP**
  - **DES, 3DES, AES**
- **WLAN – Data Link**
  - **IEEE Standards (802.11)**
  - **Ethernet**
  - **WEP (RC4)**
  - **WEP “Alternative” (AES)**

Lends to Defense in Depth Approach

Conceptual View

Configuration A



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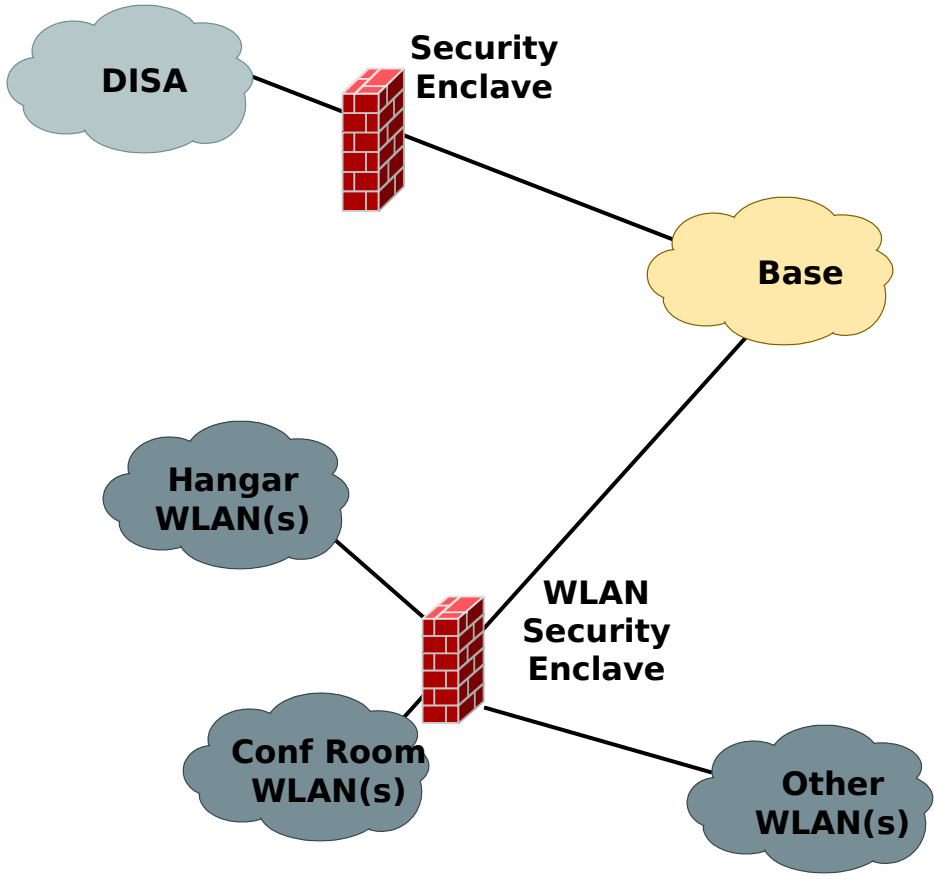
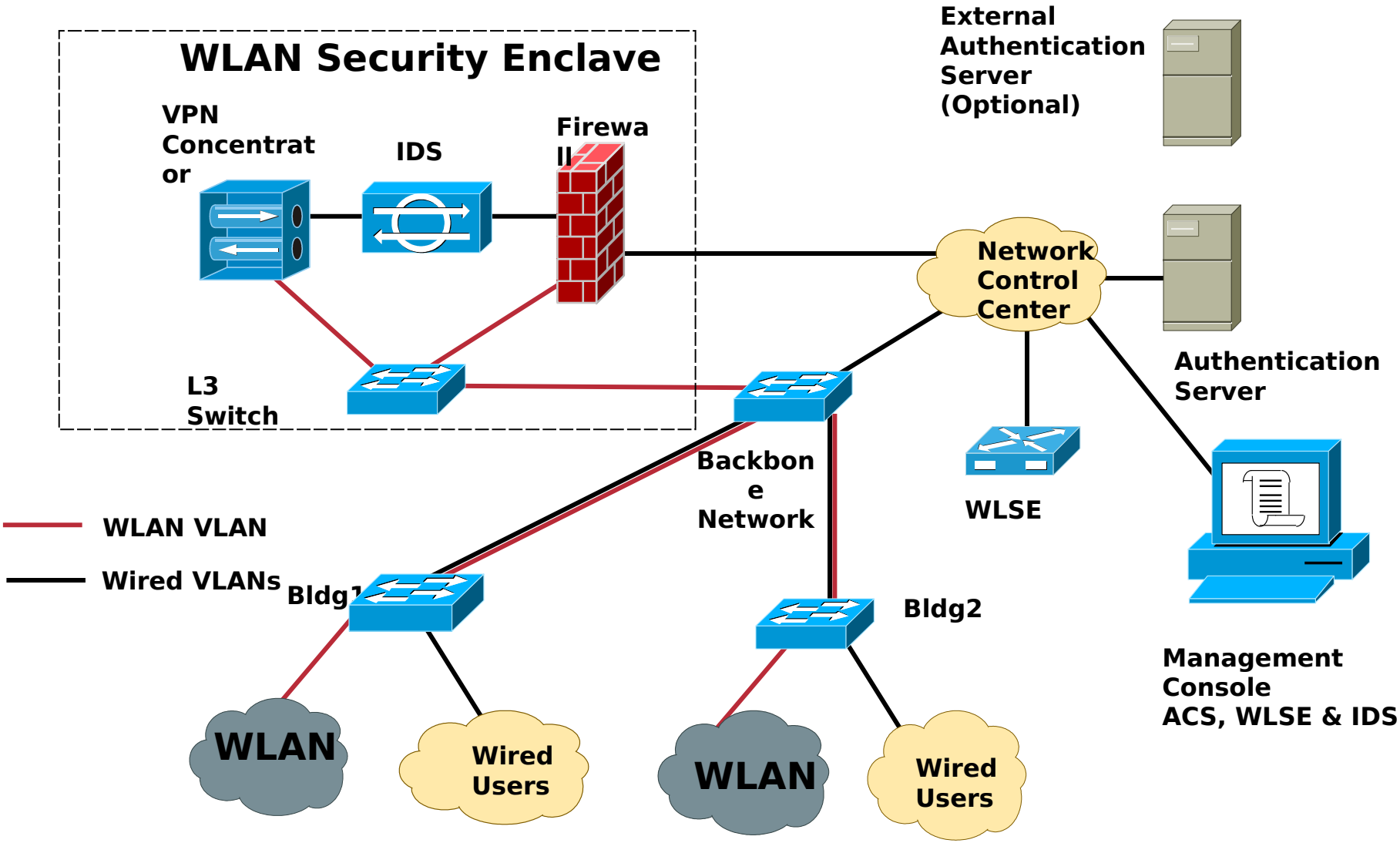


WLAN Security Enclave



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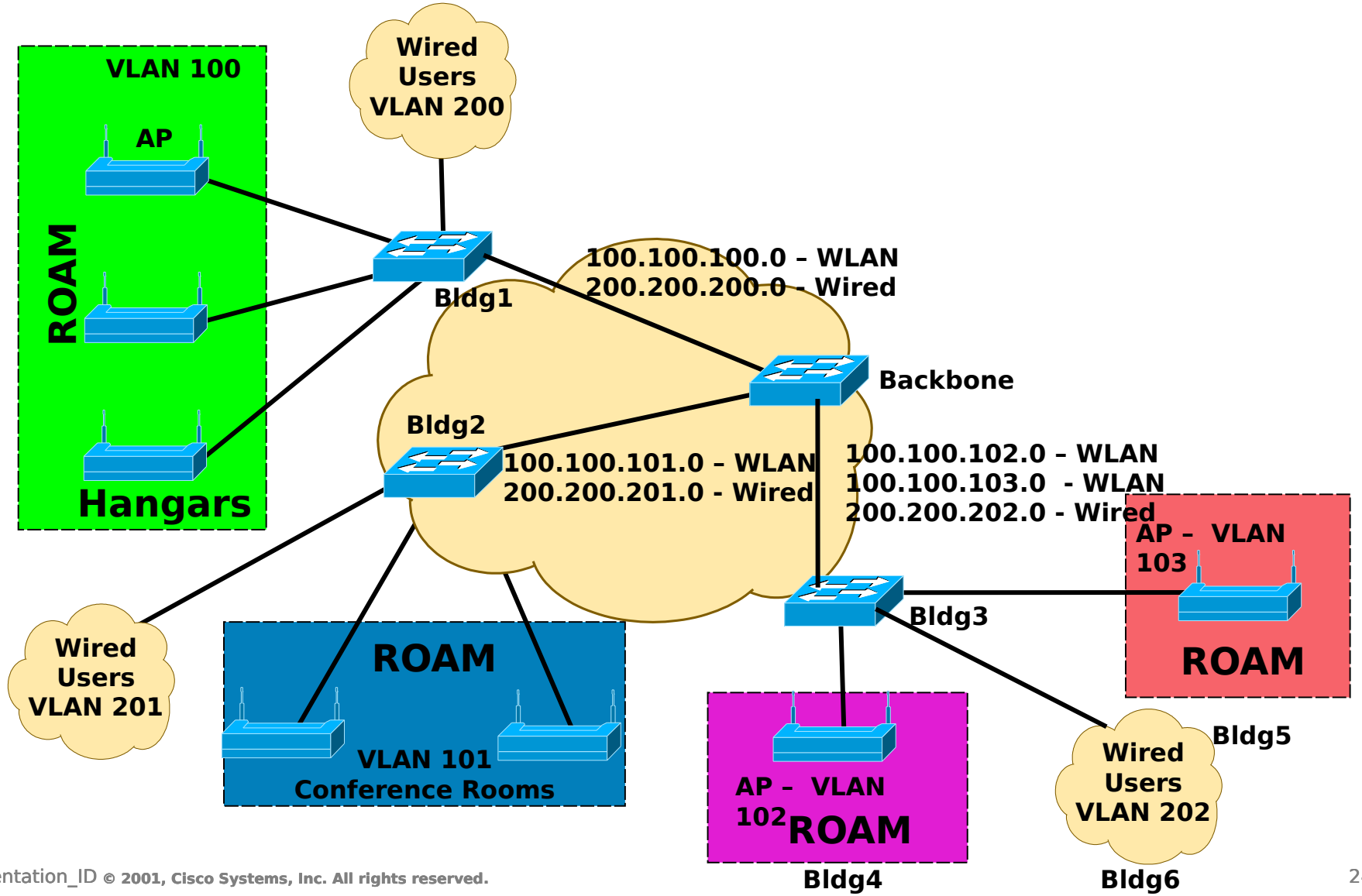

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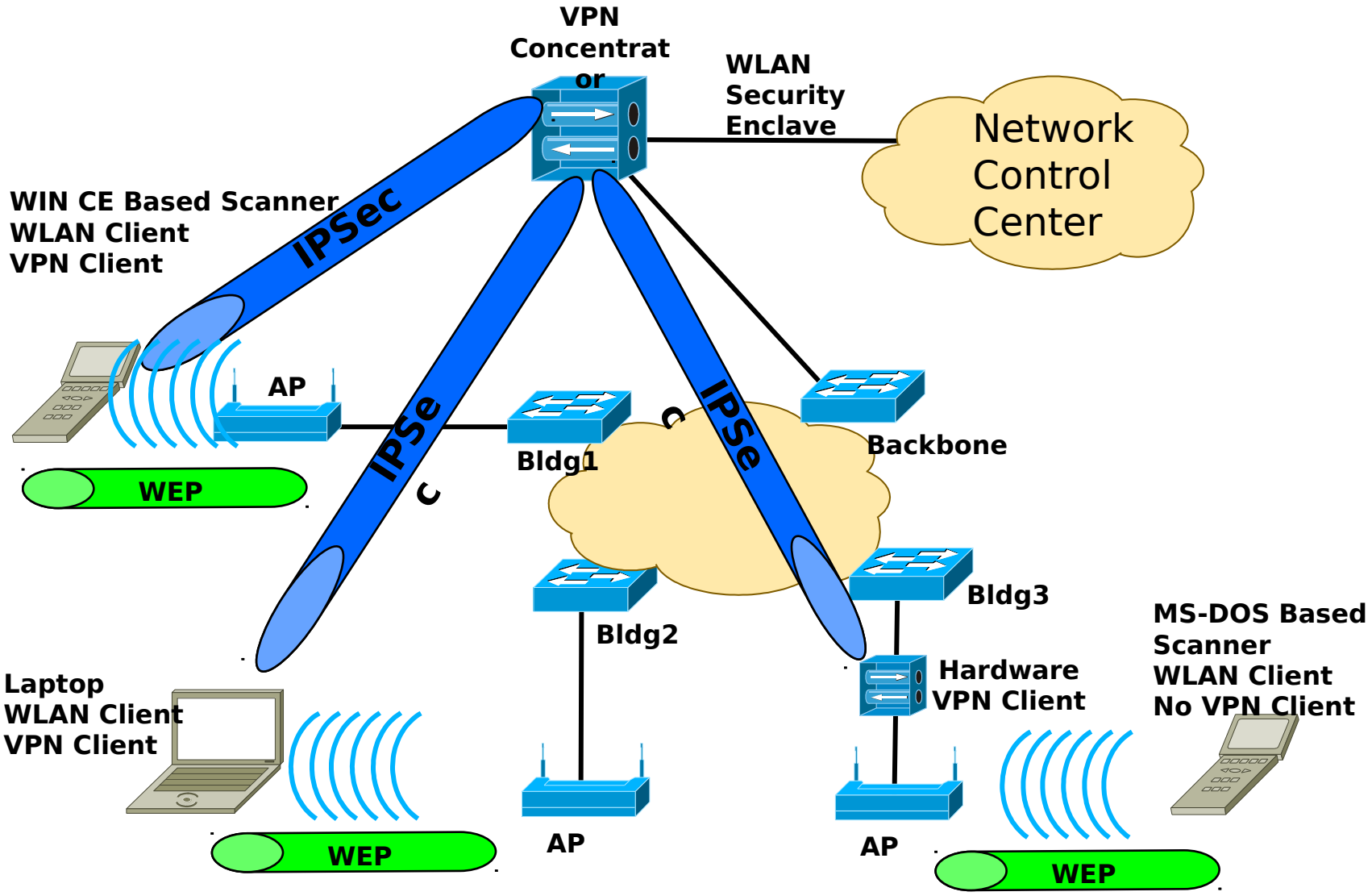

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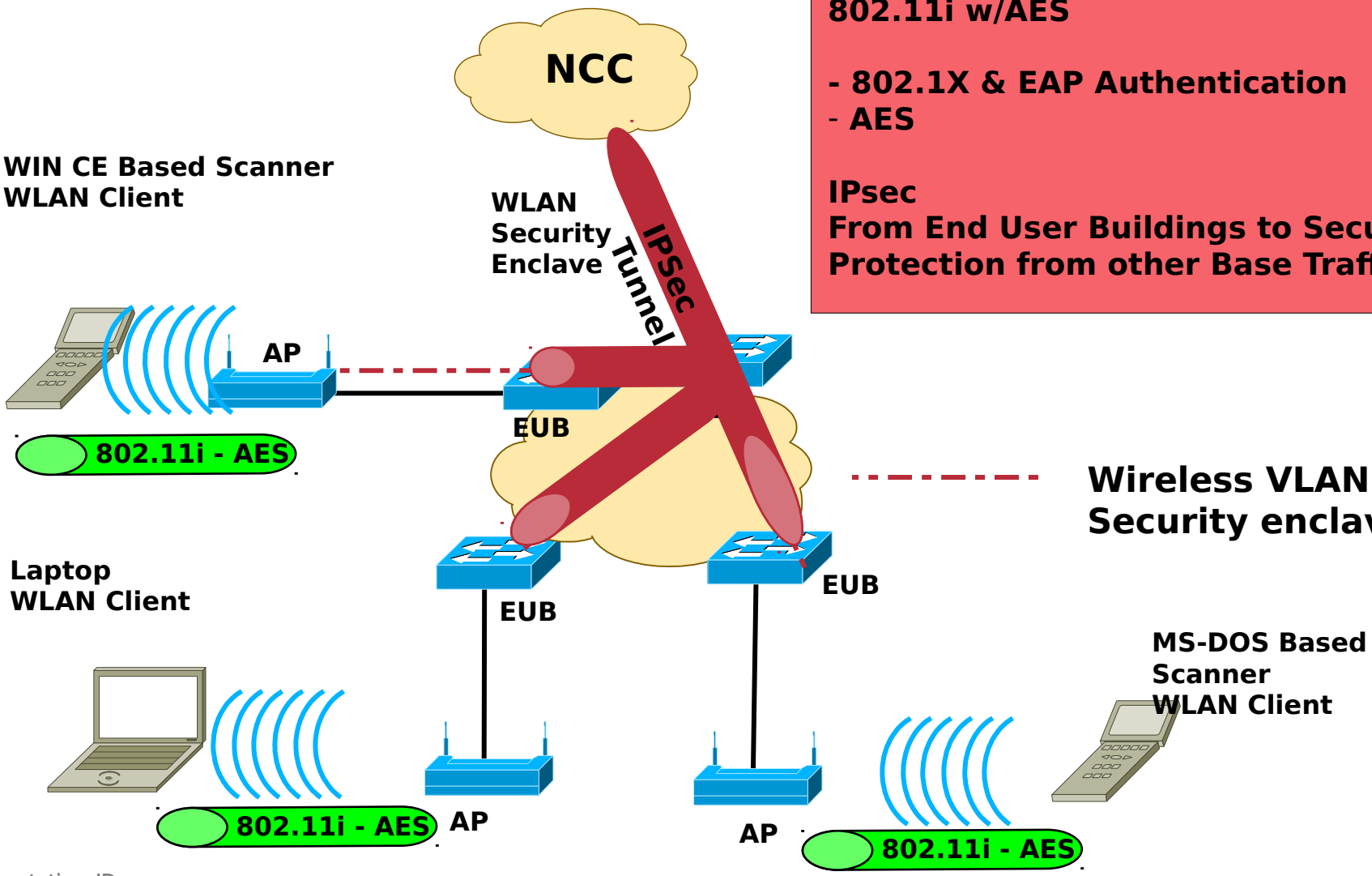


Different Users, Different Access – Common WLAN

Authentication via EAP for all users

- **Group 1 (Internal WLAN Users)**

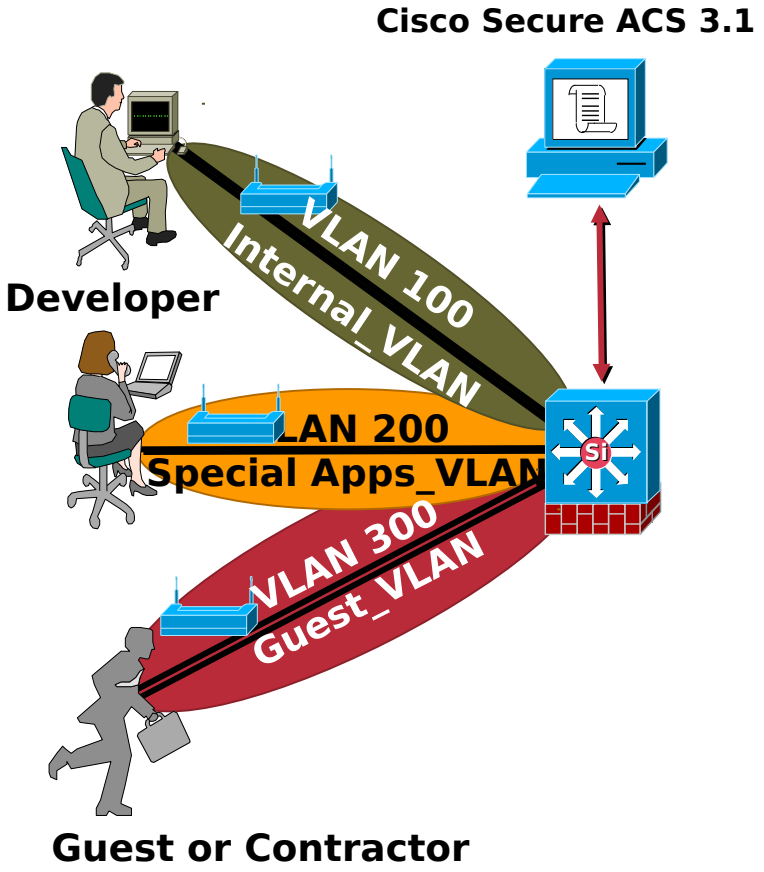
  IPSec VPN, Dynamic WEP, VLAN 100

- **Group 2 (Scanner & Special Applications)**

  No VPN, Dynamic WEP, VLAN 200

- **Group 3 (Visiting Users)**

  EAP (guest access or registration), No VPN, Internet Access ONLY, VLAN 300



Conclusion

Recommendations for WLAN Security

- **Change product defaults**
  - **Unique SSID, turn off SSID broadcast, WEP Key (128 bit), userid/password on AP**
- **Tie WLAN into your Organizational Security Policy**
- **Site Survey – Know your environment, understand your implementation and goals**
  - **Antennas Types, Association Parameters (Data Rate, Power, MAC Address), AP Placement**
- **Separate network for WLAN**
  - **Firewall and IDS before entering private LAN, separate infrastucture or VLAN & IP Addresses.**
- **Defense in Depth Approach**
  - **Layer 2 – WPA, 802.11i, Layer 3 – VPNs**
  - **Boundary Protection – IDS, Firewalls**
  - **Interoperability - Standards based, FIPS-140**

Conclusion

- **Wireless is here to stay**
  - **Enables new applications, new enterprise**
- **Security not just a WLAN issue – a Network issue**
  - **Treat the network as an untrusted network and secure appropriately**
- **WLAN can be extremely secure**
  - **No quick fixes – planning and design**
  - **Solutions to address security are available today and will continue to evolve**

Cisco WLAN Security Links

- **Cisco WLAN Security website**

  http://www.cisco.com/go/aironet/security

- **Cisco Wireless Security Suite software downloading instructions**

  http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/cc/pd/witc/ao350ap/prodlit/1674_pp.htm

- **SAFE: Wireless LAN Security in Depth**

  http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/cc/so/cuso/epso/sqfr/safwl_wp.htm

- **Cisco Mobile Office: At Work (Click on - Technology Overview)**

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